

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Examiner stated that claims 5 and 9 were objected to as being improperly dependent as currently claims 5 and 9 depend on claim 1, however, claim 1 was cancelled. Accordingly Agent for Applicant has amended claims 5 and 9 to depend from claim 2.

In this regard, Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter, namely:

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2. [Thrice Amended] A floor panel for elevated floors comprising:
 - (a) a base comprising two spaced pieces of metal joined together to present an outwardly extending flange, one of said pieces, providing a planar load bearing surface;
 - (b) an inner planar floor covering adhesively secured to said load bearing surface of said one of said metal pieces;
 - (c) an outer floor planar floor covering adhesively secured to said inner floor covering, said inner planar floor covering extending beyond said outer planar floor covering so as to present a border along the edge of said inner floor covering;
 - (d) said inner floor covering presenting a high wear film between said inner and outer floor panels, and on said border.
3. [Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim 2 wherein said inner floor covering presents another decorative surface.
4. [Thrice Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim 3 wherein said border includes an edge lying in the same plane as said inner panel.
5. [4 x Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim [1] 2 wherein said inner floor covering presents a high wear resin film between said inner and outer floor panels wherein said inner floor covering is comprised of high pressure-laminate.

- 6 [Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim 5 wherein both inner and outer floor coverings include a high wear film.
7. [4 x Amended] A floor panel for an elevated floor comprising:
- (a) a rectangular base structure comprising an upper metallic surface spaced from and connected to a lower metallic surface to define an outwardly extending flange adapted to be supported at the corners of said flange, said upper metallic surface providing a planar load bearing surface;
 - (b) rectangular planar inner floor covering co-extensive with said planar load bearing surface of said upper metallic surface and adhesively secured thereto;
 - (c) a separate rectangular planar outer floor covering secured to said inner floor covering, said inner floor covering extending beyond said outer floor covering so as to present a border along said peripheral edge of said inner floor covering wherein said inner floor covering presents a high wear film between said inner and outer floor covering and said border includes a high wear film.
8. [Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim 7 wherein said inner floor covering presents a dark surface, and said outer floor covering presents a decorative surface.
9. [Thrice Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim [1] 2 wherein said outer floor covering presents an outer clear resin film.
10. [Thrice Amended] A floor panel for an elevated floor comprising:
- (a) a rectangular base structure adapted to be supported at the corners thereof; said base structure providing a load bearing surface;
 - (b) a rectangular inner floor covering having a dark surface co-extensive with said rectangular base and adhesively secured thereto;
 - (c) a separate rectangular outer floor covering secured to said inner floor covering, said inner floor covering extending beyond said outer floor coverings so as to present a border along said peripheral edge of said inner floor covering;

- (d) wherein said inner floor covering presents a high wear film between said inner and outer floor panels, and said border presents a high wear film.
- 11. [Original] The combination of a plurality of panels as claimed in claim 7 in abutting, edge to edge contact to as to present an elevated floor.
- 12. [Amended] A floor panel as claimed in claim 10 wherein said rectangular base structure is stamped from sheet steel.
- 13. [Thrice Amended] A method of producing a floor panel for an elevated floor comprising the steps of:
 - (a) cutting a rectangular planar outer floor covering, said outer floor covering including a top wear surface, and an adhesive surface opposite said top wear surface;
 - (b) applying an adhesive to said adhesive surface;
 - (c) inserting said outer floor covering into a framed jig adapted to receive and retain said outer floor covering in a desired position with said top wear surface inserted first into said jig;
 - (d) cutting a rectangular inner floor covering, said inner floor covering extending beyond said outer floor covering so as to present a border along said peripheral edge of said inner floor covering relative said outer floor covering, said inner floor covering including a top and bottom surface;
 - (e) applying an adhesive to said top and bottom surfaces of said inner floor covering;
 - (f) inserting said inner floor covering into a framed jig adapted to receive and retain said inner floor covering so as to contact and adhesively secure the inner floor covering to said adhesive surface of said outer floor covering and present a border along the peripheral edge of said inner floor covering;
 - (g) applying an adhesive to a planar rectangular load bearing surface presented by a base structure;

- (h) inserting said planar rectangular load bearing surface of said base structure into said framed jig so as to secure said base structure to said inner floor covering so as to produce said floor panel;
 - (i) removing said floor panel from said jig.
14. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 13 including means for adjusting the size of said border.
15. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 14 including means for levelling said outer panel.
16. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein said levelling means comprises suction means
17. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 16 including means for ejecting said floor panel from said jig.
18. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said ejecting means comprises a plurality of rams for ejecting said floor panel.
19. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein said adhesive comprises a resin based adhesive.
20. [Original] A method as claimed in claim 13 further including the step of pressing said floor panel after said removal step.
21. [Previously Presented] A floor panel as claimed in claim 10 wherein said high wear film comprises a clear resin film.